

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-6 with the following paragraph:

a2 ~~This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/159,562, filed October 15, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.~~

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 13-19 with the following paragraph:

a3 ~~The use of mechanical fastening means on absorbent articles, such as diapers, training pants, adult incontinent products, feminine care products, and the like, is well known. A common type of mechanical fastener employed on absorbent articles is a hook-and-loop type fastener in which a hook or hook-type fastener tab is provided which is adapted for releasably engaging with a loop or loop-like material. Such hook-and-loop type fasteners are also well known in the prior art. Other well known types of mechanical fasteners include snaps, buttons, zippers, mushroom fasteners and the like.~~

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 4-9 with the following paragraph:

a4 ~~The present invention overcomes the aforementioned difficulty by supplying an effective and reliable method for attaching mechanical fasteners to absorbent articles using slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesives under conditions sufficient to result in a mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond static shear strength of at least about 60 min/1.2kg. More particularly, the present invention relates to a method for attaching a hook-type fastener tab to an absorbent article using a slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesive and the resulting absorbent article.~~

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 16-19 with the following paragraph:

a5 ~~Sub 7~~ ~~d) attaching said mechanical fastener to said absorbent article in the target area with said slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesive under conditions~~

a5
sufficient to result in a mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond static shear strength of at least about 60 min/1.2kg--

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 6-10 with the following paragraph:

a6
sub 82
--(d) at least one mechanical fastener positioned so as to secure the absorbent article to an intended user, wherein the mechanical fastener is attached to said absorbent article using a slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesive under conditions sufficient to result in a mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond static shear strength of at least about 60 min/1.2kg--

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 7-14 with the following paragraph:

a7
--The topsheet 24 of the disposable diaper 20, as representatively illustrated in FIGS. 1-2, suitably presents a body-facing surface which is compliant, soft feeling and non-irritating to the wearer's skin. Further, the topsheet 24 is preferably less hydrophilic than the absorbent core 26, to present a relatively dry surface to the wearer, and may be sufficiently porous to be liquid permeable, permitting liquid to readily penetrate through its thickness. If the topsheet is formed from a substantially hydrophobic material, then the hydrophobic material may, optionally, be treated with a surfactant or otherwise processed to impart a desired level of wettability and hydrophilicity.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 21 - page 11, line 2 with the following paragraph:

a8
--The elastomer substrate 40 can be formed from any known elastic material, such as: elastomer films, e.g., natural or synthetic rubber; elastomer strands, e.g., LYCRA™ strands; elastomer foams, e.g., urethane foams; elastomer nonwoven materials; laminates or composites of such elastomer materials with other elastomer or